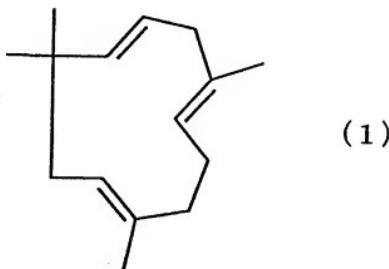


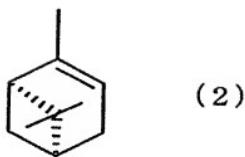
Amendment to the Claims

Please amend Claim 8. Add Claims 13 and 14. The changes are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlining for added matter. A complete listing of the claims is set out below with proper claim identifiers.

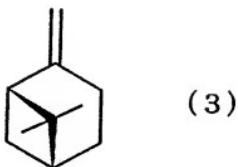
1. (Withdrawn) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising as an active ingredient at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract and a dokudami (*houttuynia herb*) extract.
2. (Withdrawn) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising a licorice extract as an active ingredient.
3. (Withdrawn) An interleukin-8 production promoter comprising as an active ingredient at least one compound selected from the group consisting of α -humulene represented by formula (1):



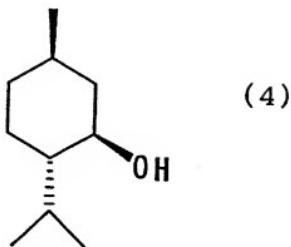
α -pinen represented by formula (2):



β -pinen represented by formula (3):



and L-menthol represented by formula (4):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

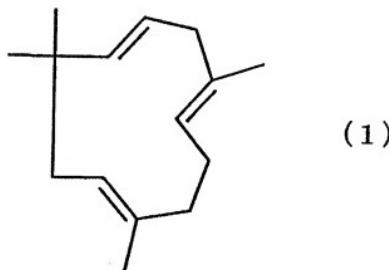
4. (Withdrawn) A composition for promoting interleukin production comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.

5. (Withdrawn) A composition for immunostimulation comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.

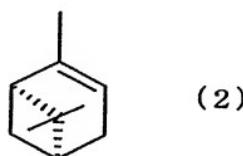
6. (Withdrawn) A composition for preventing or treating an infectious disease comprising an interleukin-8 production promoter according to any one of claims 1 to 3 as an active ingredient.

7. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 4, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.

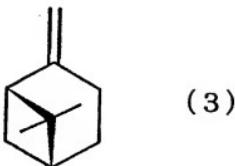
8. (Currently Amended) A method for promoting interleukin production in a mammal comprising the steps of administering to the mammal an effective amount of at least one substance selected from the group consisting of a dokudami extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1) [[I]];



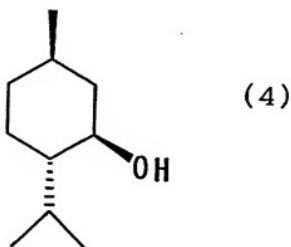
a compound represented by formula (2) [[.]];



a compound represented by formula (3) [[.]];



and a compound represented by formula (4) [[.]];



9. (Withdrawn) A method for stimulating immunity in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract, a compound represented by formula (1), a compound represented by formula (2), a compound represented by formula (3), and a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for preventing or treating an infectious disease in mammal comprising administering an effective amount of at least one kind selected from the group consisting of a peppermint extract, a dokudami (houttuynia herb) extract, a licorice extract,

a compound represented by formula (1), a compound represented by formula (4) to mammal that need them.

11. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 5, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.
12. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 6, wherein the composition is used for food and drink use.
13. (New) The method of Claim 8 for treating an infectious disease in said mammal.
14. (New) The method of Claim 8 for stimulating immunity in said mammal.